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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

MINES & MINERALS – Grant of Petroleum Mining Lease (PML) for crude oil and natural gas over an extent of 23.50 Sq.Km of Lakshmaneswaram in West Godavari District for the period of 20 years from 30.07.2002 to 29.07.2022 in favour of M/s ONGC Limited under rule 5(1) (ii) of Petroleum & Natural Gas Rules, 1959 - Orders - Issued.

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INDUSTRIES & COMMERCE (M.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.44 Dated:19.07.2022

Read the following:

1. From the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Govt of India, Lr. F.No.O-12012/72/2004-ONG/D-IV, Dt:29.04.2004.
2. From the Director of Mines & Geology, AP, File No. 164610-6/R2-2/2016, Dt:06.04.2016.
3. Govt. Memo No.4126/M.III(2)/2006, Dt: 06.04.2016 & 22.03.2018.
4. From M/s.ONGC Ltd., Lr.No.ONGC/RJY/ST/SPG/PML Orders 2, Dt: 27.08.2018.
5. From the Director of Mines & Geology, AP, 4126/M.III(2)/2016 , dt:22.12.2020.

O R D E R:

In the Letter 1st read above, the Government of India conveyed the approval for grant of Petroleum Mining Lease (PML) for an extent of 23.50 Sq.Km of Lakshmaneswaram in West Godavari District in favour of M/s ONGC Limited for a further period of 20 years from 30.07.2002 to 29.07.2022. M/s ONGC Ltd., has filed an application for grant of the said PML accordingly.

2. In the single file 2nd read above, the DM&G, AP., has recommended and forwarded the proposals to Government for grant of Petroleum Mining Lease (PML) in favour of M/s ONGC Limited.

3. In reply to the Govt memos 3rd read above, M/s.ONGC Ltd., vide letter 4th read above, has submitted EC issued by MoEF, Govt of India vide F.No.J-11011/68/2011-IAI(1), Dt:14.06.2013. M/s ONGC Ltd., has not applied for CFE/CFO as per the Environment Impact Assessment Notification -1994 which specifies that "if any item falling under Exploration for Oil and Gas and their production, transportation and storage, if the investment is less than Rs.100 Crores for new projects and less than Rs.50 Crores for Expansion / Modernization projects No EC was required. M/s. ONGC Ltd vide letter Dated 17.11.2020 informed that the wells were drilled before MoEFCC-EIA-2006 Notification. As per MoEFCC EIA-1994 Notification Environmental Clearance (EC) was not required. Hence CFE CFO was not taken prior to 2006 and hence not submitted along with the Petroleum Mining Lease (PML) applications. Further the same was explained by M/s ONGC in the virtual meeting held on 09.11.2020 along with DGH and other applicants. Finally,

M/s. ONGC Ltd requested to issue Grant order for PML over the said area in favour of them.

4. In the single e-file 5th read above, the Director of Mines and Geology, A.P., duly furnishing CSR activity report for the last 3 years of M/s ONGC Ltd., has recommended that the Petroleum Mining Lease (PML) be granted for crude oil and natural gas for entire applied subject area for a period of 20 years from 30.07.2002 to 29.07.2022 in favour of M/s ONGC Limited.

5. Government, after careful examination of the matter, hereby grant Petroleum Mining Lease (PML) for crude oil and natural gas over an extent of 23.50 Sq.Km of Lakshmaneswaram in West Godavari District for a further period of 20 years from 30.07.2002 to 29.07.2022 in favour of M/s ONGC Limited under Rule 5(1)(ii) of the Petroleum and Natural Gas Rules, 1959, subject to satisfaction of all other terms and conditions laid down under the Oil Fields (Regulation & Development) Act, 1948 and Petroleum and Natural Gas Rules, 1959 and also standing instructions and guidelines issued by Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, GoI from time to time.

6. This Grant is liable for cancellation, if it is found at later date that it was grossly inequitable or was made under a mistake of fact or owing to misrepresentation or fraud in excess of authority.

7. The Director of Mines & Geology, Government of A.P., shall take necessary further action accordingly after satisfying himself that the grantee fulfills all the required terms & conditions as stipulated in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT(MINES)

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The Deputy Director of Mines & Geology, East Godavari District.
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The District Collector, East Godavari District.
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The Secretary to Govt. of India, Ministry of Mines, Sastry Bhavan, New Delhi.
The Controller General, Indian Bureau of Mines, Indira Bhavan, Civil Lines, Nagpur.
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